

E³ COLLECTIVE

NAZARETH & BETHLEHEM

MAY 8-25, 2020 18 DAYS

Hosted by
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**Virginia
Mennonite
Missions**

Called. Sent. Transformed.

Evangelical Lutheran
Christmas Church, Bethlehem

Greetings! And a warm welcome to you to join us on this E³ Collective trip to Nazareth and Bethlehem! This trip offers you a unique, hands-on opportunity to encounter the land of Jesus' earthly ministry and relive the stories of Jesus as we together meet, work, and pray with Palestinian Christians. And the rhythm of our time together will be a daily rhythm of encounter, work, and prayer.

Encounter: Day by day, in the midst of our activities and during our times of relaxation, we will meet the Christians of Nazareth and Bethlehem "up close and personal." And we will learn firsthand about their life and faith and the challenges they face as followers of Jesus within the troubled context of present-day Israel/Palestine.

Work: During our days in Nazareth and Bethlehem we will participate in work projects at sites sponsored by Palestinian Christians. Nazareth Village is an outdoor museum that recreates first century Nazareth and tells the story of Jesus to visitors in Jesus' hometown. The International Center of

Bethlehem is a ministry of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, the town of Jesus' birth.

Prayer: Through it all we will join our voices in prayer. Daily services of Evening Prayers will provide the "still center" for us during days filled with activity and new encounters. And Sunday worship with Palestinian Christians will nourish our spirits and enlarge our visions of the body of Christ.

The E³ Collective trip to Nazareth and Bethlehem offers you a special close-up lens through which to view the Holy Land, sense the heartbeat of its people, and "pray for the peace of Jerusalem." Do consider joining us!

Dorothy Jean Weaver & Craig Maven



DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Friday, May 8 **Depart U.S.**

Depart Washington Dulles International Airport on your overnight flight via United Airlines. (Meals in-flight)

Saturday, May 9 **Arrive Tel Aviv/Nazareth**

Arrive in Tel Aviv to meet your driver and transfer to Nazareth for check-in. Betharram Guesthouse (Meals in-flight)

Sunday, May 10 **Nazareth**

Worship in a Nazareth church; afternoon tour of Nazareth. Betharram Guesthouse (B,L,D)

Monday, May 11 **Nazareth**

Nazareth Village work project. Betharram Guesthouse (B,L,D)

Tuesday, May 12 **Nazareth**

Nazareth Village work project. Betharram Guesthouse (B,L,D)

Wednesday, May 13 **Nazareth**

Nazareth Village work project. Betharram Guesthouse (B,L,D)

Thursday, May 14 **Nazareth**

Nazareth Village work project. Betharram Guesthouse (B,L,D)



Nazareth

Friday, May 15 **Nazareth**

Nazareth Village work project. Betharram Guesthouse (B,L,D)

Saturday, May 16 **Nazareth/Jerusalem**

Travel to Jerusalem; afternoon guided tour of Jerusalem. St. Mark's Lutheran Guesthouse (B,L,D)

Sunday, May 17 **Jerusalem/Bethlehem**

Worship in a Jerusalem church; late afternoon transfer to Bethlehem. Lutheran Guesthouse Bethlehem (B,L,D)

Monday, May 18 **Bethlehem**

Work project in conjunction with International Center of Bethlehem. Lutheran Guesthouse Bethlehem (B,L,D)

Tuesday, May 19 **Bethlehem**

Work project in conjunction with International Center of Bethlehem. Lutheran Guesthouse Bethlehem (B,L,D)

Wednesday, May 20 **Bethlehem**

Work project in conjunction with International Center of Bethlehem. Lutheran Guesthouse Bethlehem (B,L,D)

Thursday, May 21 **Bethlehem**

Work project in conjunction with International Center of Bethlehem. Lutheran Guesthouse Bethlehem (B,L,D)

Friday, May 22 **Bethlehem**

Work project in conjunction with International Center of Bethlehem. Lutheran Guesthouse Bethlehem (B,L,D)

Saturday, May 23 **Bethlehem**

Free day for Bethlehem touring. Lutheran Guesthouse Bethlehem (B,L,D)

Sunday, May 24 **Bethlehem/Departure**

Worship at Christmas Lutheran Church; final celebration at ICB. Lutheran Guesthouse Bethlehem (B,L,D)

Monday, May 25 **Return to U.S.**

Transfer for return flights from Tel Aviv to Washington Dulles. (B, Meals in-flight)

Mission Statement

The E³ Collective trip to Nazareth and Bethlehem is an outreach of Virginia Mennonite Missions. Our goals are the following:

- 1) To make personal contacts with Palestinian Christians and churches in Nazareth (Israel) and Bethlehem (Palestine) and to build Christian-to-Christian and church-to-church relationships with Palestinian brothers and sisters in Christ.
- 2) To provide North American Christians with a clearer perspective on the everyday life and faith of Palestinian Christians in Israel/Palestine and the ongoing challenges which they face day-by-day and year-by-year in their search to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.
- 3) To provide practical, hands-on assistance with skilled or unskilled work projects at Nazareth Village, a Christian venture in the town of Nazareth, and at the International Center of Bethlehem, a ministry of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem.
- 4) To provide eyes and ears that will bring the images and the stories of Christians of Nazareth and Bethlehem back to the churches of the Virginia Mennonite Conference and to the wider North American Church.

Group Leaders

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Code: **B**reakfast, **L**unch, **D**inner
Itinerary subject to change

TOUR CONDITIONS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of \$395 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of \$1000 is due December 30, 2019. Final payment is due February 28, 2020. *The tour price is based upon cash payment.*

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance of departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to December 29, 2019 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; December 30, 2019 - April 22, 2020 - Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; April 23, 2020 or after - No refund.

CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS: The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates and schedule, but no later than December 30, 2019. A minimum fee of \$100 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

LATE BOOKINGS: Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a \$50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

ACCEPTANCE BY VMMISSIONS: Per E3 Collective protocols, in addition to paying a deposit and returning the attached reservation form, all trip participants must complete an application process with, and be accepted by, VMmissions. For more information, and to apply, go to <https://vmmissions.org/e3collective/>

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Washington Dulles via United Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Sixteen nights accommodation in Christian guesthouses, double occupancy, with or without private facilities.
- MEALS:** Breakfast and dinner daily as outlined in the itinerary plus lunches at Nazareth Village and a lunch fund of \$5 per person per day for 11 days.
- GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers by deluxe motorcoach. A \$400 group taxi fund of \$30 per day for 13 days.
- SIGHTSEEING/GUIDES:** Meet & greet service on arrival and an experienced English-speaking guide for touring Jerusalem on SAT 16 MAY.
- GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers, guides and hotel staff (for your convenience, \$66 per person has been included).
- TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$699 per person).
- VMM FEE:** Virginia Mennonite Missions (VMM) overhead fee of \$199.
- ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, name tags, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

PRE-EXISTING medical conditions and other circumstances are covered when travel protection is purchased within 14 days of registration. Contact Travel Insured for more info. 800-243-3174

COST SUMMARY

\$3199*

Group Flights From Washington Dulles
 Tour Gratuities (\$66)..... Included
 Airport Taxes (\$699)..... Included
 VMM Overhead Fee (\$199)..... Included
 *Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplement

Single Room*..... \$650
 *In addition to base tour cost
 Very limited availability on request basis.
 GTD can assist in finding roommates;
 however, this cannot be guaranteed

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Washington Dulles (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of July 2019, a minimum of 12 travelers, and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/ or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control.

Items Not Included

- Luggage handling.
- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional insurance for health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption is not included and highly recommended. Please refer to the Travel Insurance section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No entry visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require an entry visa.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PURCHASED ON YOUR BEHALF: Group Travel Directors provides post departure travel protection covering trip interruption, trip delay, missed connection, baggage and personal effects, baggage delay, emergency accident/sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. See Travel Protection section for more information.

RESERVATION APPLICATION • CLIP AND MAIL

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(Name as it appears on passport)

1. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

2. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

Address (no P.O. boxes) _____ Tel. (Day) _____ (Eve.) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Email _____

Roommate _____ I will pay the supplement for a single room.

Advise if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed and the supplement may apply.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)

- I/We will take the group flights from Wash. Dulles.
- I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from _____ airport to join the group.
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TOUR DEPOSIT

Please reserve _____ space(s) for me/us. Enclosed is a check payable to **Virginia Mennonite Missions** for \$395 per person.

I understand that my reservation is contingent on my also applying for, and being accepted, for participation on this trip by VMmissions. (Go to <https://vmmissions.org/e3collective> to apply now)

TRAVEL PROTECTION

- I/We choose supplemental travel protection per information provided elsewhere in this brochure. (Please send a check payable to Group Travel Directors for \$166 per person).
- I/We decline supplemental travel protection now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre-existing waiver.

Please send the registration application and all checks to Dorothy Jean Weaver, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, VA 22802-2462.

I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION

Post-Departure Travel Protection is purchased on your behalf. Trip cancellation and interruption coverage is optional at a supplement and this provides coverage of the tour cost should you need to cancel prior to departure or while on tour. If you decline supplemental coverage at the time of reservation, you may purchase it later, but the Pre-existing Conditions Waiver is available only if the plan is purchased within 21 days of the initial trip deposit. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 866-684-0218 (refer to Agency #47346). Review your Plan Document for Schedule of Benefits and Plan Details.

GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION INCLUSIONS

Pre-paid on your behalf:

Travel Delay.....	\$750
Missed Connection.....	\$300
Baggage.....	\$1,000
Baggage Delay.....	\$200
Medical Expense.....	\$50,000
Evacuation/Repatriation.....	\$500,000
Accidental Death.....	\$10,000
Political Emergency Evacuation.....	\$100,000
ID Theft Resolution Services.....	included
Assistance Service.....	included

You may add full trip cancellation and interruption coverage for a supplement.

Trip Cancellation.....	up to Tour Cost*
Trip Interruption.....	up to 150% of Tour Cost**

* a maximum of \$3500 per person

** a maximum of \$7250 per person

Supplemental cost of this optional GTD Travel Protection is \$166 per person. Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. Travel protection is non-refundable fourteen days after you purchase a plan.



Carpenter, Nazareth Village

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EXCLUSIONS & LIMITATIONS

Insurance benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane; an act of declared or undeclared war; participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition or participating as a professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition; participating in bodily contact sports, skydiving or parachuting, hang gliding, or bungee cord jumping; piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; being Intoxicated as defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Certificate. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment; due to loss or damage (including death or injury) and any associated cost or expense resulting directly from the discharge, explosion or use of any device, weapon or material employing or involving chemical, biological, radiological or similar agents, whether in time of peace or war, and regardless of who commits the act and regardless of any other sequence thereto.

CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

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NOTE TO OUR TRAVELERS:

Please be assured that GTD continually monitors travel industry developments (strikes, etc.) as well as world events. If any such matters affect your tour, you will be notified. At the time this tour was developed the U.S. State Department Travel Advisory for this destination was Level 2 (Exercise Increased Caution); please refer to the following website for current information or call Group Travel Directors. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

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Kitchen Shelf, Nazareth Village



Woman Weaving, Nazareth Village